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SUBJ:BIJEDIC VISIT

REF: STATE 35738; STATE 37336; BELGRADE 0759

1. COMPOSITION OF YUGOSLAV GROUP, TOTALLING 24 PERSONS, WILL BE
AS FOLLOWS:

DELEGATION:

PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. BIJEDIC

JANKO SMOLE, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

LAZAR MOJSOV, DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY

KADIL ALIJAGIC, CHEF-DE-CABINET FOR BIJEDIC

MRS. MILICA ZIBERNA, ASSISTANT FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY

(OR APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTE IF SHE UNAVAILABLE)

MIODRAG STOILJKOVIC, ASSISTANT FINANCE SECRETARY

SVETOZAR STARCEVIC, DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN, FSFA

NIKOLA CICANOVIC, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR TO BIJEDIC

BERISLAV BLAZEVIC, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO BIJEDIC

STAFF:

TEN PERSONS INCLUDING A DOCTOR, PROTOCOL OFFICIAL, SECURITY
PERSONNEL, TRANSLATORS AND SECRETARIES.

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TWO RADIO-TV REPRESENTATIVES, ONE NOVOSTI FILMS REP;
ONE PHOTOGRAPHER.

2. GROUP WILL TRAVEL IN JAT 707 DEPARTING MARCH 18 AND FLYING
NONSTOP FOR LATER AFTERNOON ARRIVAL WASHINGTON TIME. THEY ENVISION
ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 18 OVERNIGHT WILLIAMSBURG

MARCH 19 LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT, DINNER OR RECEPTION WITH THE
SECRETARY, AND CABINET AND CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN ACCOR-
DANCE WITH AGENDA TO BE WORKED OUT BY STATE DEPT.

MARCH 20 EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY BIJEDIC AT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY;
9:00 P.M. DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO OVERNIGHT.

MARCH 21 BUSINESS-SOCIAL APPOINTMENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO. OVERNIGHT.

MARCH 22 FLY TO LOS ANGELES, APPOINTMENTS DURING DAY OVERNIGHT.

MARCH 23 LOS ANGELES APPOINTMENTS IN MORNING, EARLY AFTERNOON
DEPARTURE FOR DETROIT. OVERNIGHT DETROIT.

MARCH 24 DETROIT APPOINTMENTS MORNING, AFTERNOON; FLY NEW YORK
EARLY EVENING OVERNIGHT.

MARCH 25 APPOINTMENTS BANKING-BUSINESS CONTACTS; DEPART EVE-
NING FOR DIRECT RETURN TO BELGRADE VIA JAT 707.

3. IN CONVEYING ABOVE, STARCEVIC TOLD AMB YUGOSLAVS ASSUME
USG WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INTERNAL TRAVEL IN U.S. -- IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOM FOLLOWED IN YUGOSLAVIA WITH OFFICIAL GUESTS.
AMB SAID HE HOPED THIS THE CASE, BUT COULD NOT BE SURE AND WOULD
HAVE TO PUT QUESTION TO WASHINGTON.

4. AMB SAID WHILE USG WOULD ASSIST IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, HE ASSUMED
YUGOSLAV PARTY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY BILL. STARCEVIC WAS TAKEN
ABACK AT THIS, POINTING OUT THIS NOT YUGOSLAV CUSTOM WITH OFFICIAL
GUESTS.

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AMB ACKNOWLEDGED UNFAILING GENEROSITY YUGOSLAV HOSPITALITY TO
ALL OFFICIAL USG VISITORS AND
EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO RECIPROCATATE BUT
DOUBTED THIS WOULD BE THE CASE. HE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE WISE FOR
STARCEVIC TO ALERT MOJSOV AND POSSIBLY BIJEDIC TO LIKELIHOOD
ACCOMMODATIONS, AND POSSIBLY TRANSPORTATION, OUTSIDE WASHINGTON
WOULD BE AT YUGOSLAV ACCOUNT. STARCEVIC SAID HE WOULD DO SO IMMED-
IATELY, BUT STRESSED NO SUCH THOUGHT HAD BEEN ENTERTAINED IN SESSION

WITH BIJEDIC MORNING FEB 21 WHEN YUGOSLAV PLANS FIRMED UP.

5. RE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT, STARCEVIC SAID YUGOSLAVS PREPARED ACCEPT WORDING SUGGESTED BY WHITE HOUSE (WITH POSSIBLE MINOR CHANGES) AND RECOMMENDED RELEASE DATE. IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR YUGOSLAVS, HOWEVER, TO ANNOUNCE ON MARCH 6 -- A THURSDAY WHEN FSFA NORMALLY HOLDS WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING. AMB SAID HE WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON ON THIS.

6. STARCEVIC SAID IT WAS YUGOSLAV ASSUMPTION AMB WOULD ACCOMPANY BIJEDIC GROUP THROUGHOUT VISIT IN U.S.

7. AMB SAID HE WOULD BE ABSENT WEEK FEB 24 BUT CHARGE MILLER WOULD CONVEY RESPONSES TO QUESTION RAISED IN DISCUSSION WHEN RECEIVED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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